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Applicant: BENSON ET AL.
Serial No.: 09/871,156
Filed: MAY 31, 2001
Title: FILTER STRUCTURE WITH TWO OR MORE LAYERS OF FINE FIBER HAVING EXTENDED USEFUL SERVICE LIFE

Examiner: UNKNOWN
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By: *Mark DiPietro*

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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- ☒ Transmittal Sheet in duplicate containing Certificate of Mailing
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b))

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the item of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

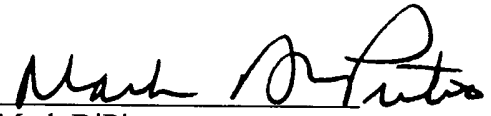
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form

1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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Respectfully submitted,

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